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Housing Agency outreach team helps homeless community

LĪHU'E – This week, the Kaua'i County Housing Agency, in partnership with Women in Need and Kaua'i Economic Opportunity, visited various county beach parks and provided outreach services to homeless individuals and families currently living in these areas.

"I would like to thank our outreach team for their dedication to serving our community in need," said Housing Director Adam Roversi. "There are resources available, and for some individuals it's simply a matter of not knowing where to start or whom to go to for help. We hope to continue this program and expand our reach to others in need of housing resources around the island."

From Aug. 3-5, the outreach team visited 'Anini Beach Park, Anahola Beach Park, Lydgate Beach Park, Salt Pond Beach Park, and Lucy Wright Park with the primary goal of connecting people with housing assistance programs, including identifying prospective tenants for Kealaula on Pua Loke – the county's new permanent supportive housing project in Līhu'e. Additionally, the team serviced individuals around the county's Līhu'e Civic Center. All officials wore masks and observed physical distancing as they serviced the public. Participants were also asked to wear a mask covering over their nose and mouth.

The outreach team provided participants with refreshments, gloves, hand sanitizers, masks, and Clorox wipes. Community partners donated other items such as travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash and body lotion from Malie Organics, reading glasses to



eligible participants by Project Vision, and information on keiki programs from Kamehameha Schools.

Women in Need assisted participants in applying to the county Housing Agency's Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) programs. This week's outreach yielded a total of 64 TBRA applications, which included an overall total of 113 individuals. Applicants for the TBRA program also applied for the HCV program.

The total number of applications per area serviced are as follows.

- 'Anini and Anahola beach parks – 17 households, totaling 32 individuals;
- Lydgate Beach Park – 33 households, totaling 50 individuals;
- Salt Pond Beach Park and Lucy Wright Park – 12 households, totaling 28 individuals; and
- County Līhu'e Civic Center – 2 households, totaling 3 individuals.

For more information on the Kaua'i County Housing Agency's homeless outreach program, please call 241-4427.



Above: David Mahuka, Kaua'i County Housing Agency HCV Program Inspector, and Sharon Graham, Housing Director of Women In Need, look for participants at Anahola Beach Park on Monday, Aug. 3.



Top left: Mary Lou Kai and Sharon Graham of Women In Need at 'Anini Beach Park on Monday, Aug. 3.



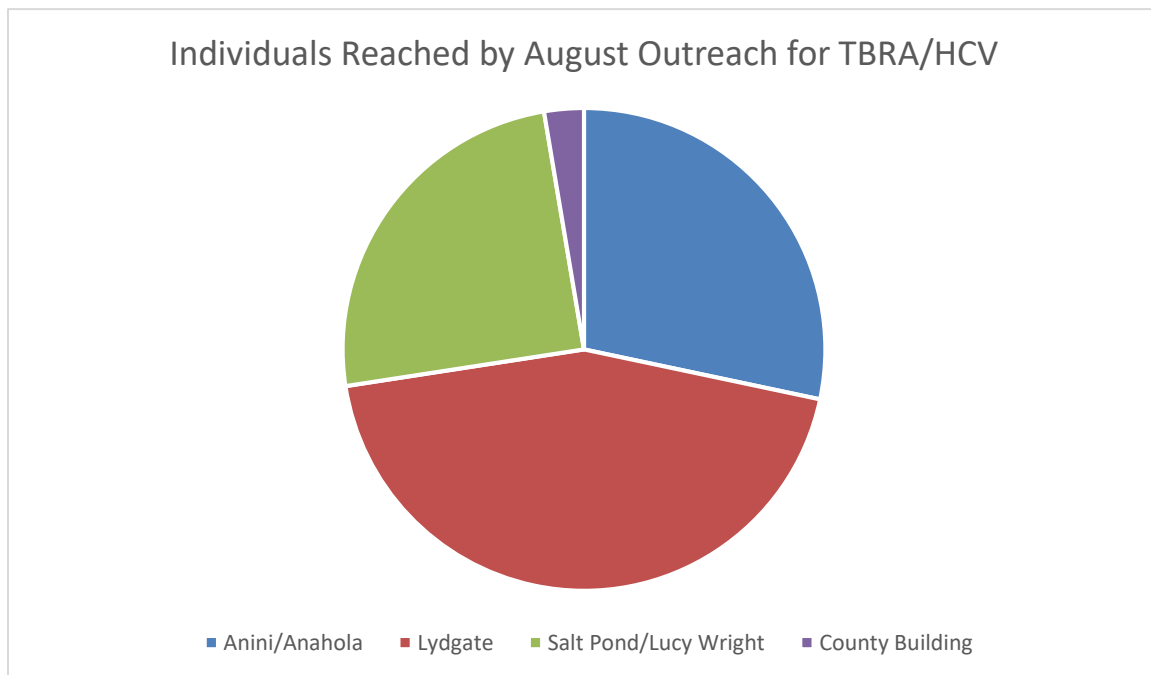
Top Right: David Mahuka and Kaua'i County Housing Agency Homeless Coordinator Ashton Varner look for participants at Anahola Beach Park on Monday, Aug. 3.

Bottom Right: Sharon Graham and Crystal Caday-Bargayo of Women in Need sign up participants for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and Housing Choice Voucher programs on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Lydgate Beach Park.





Above: Sharon Graham of Women in Need at Anahola Beach Park on Monday, Aug. 3.



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